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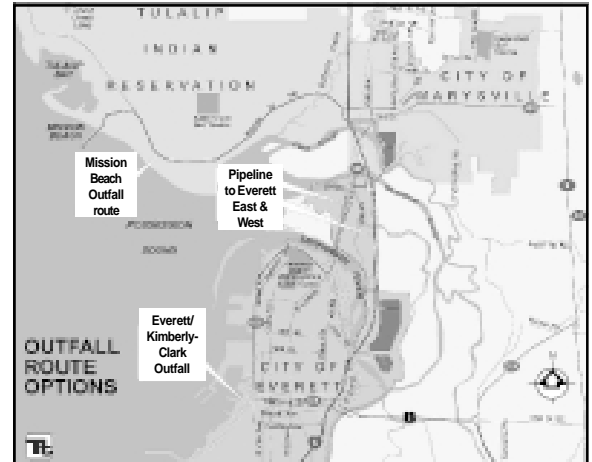
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Council opts toward regional solution for wastewater discharge

With more stringent environmental regulations and Marysville's wastewater treatment plant design capacity meeting its limits for handling peak flows of sewer discharge, the City is pursuing a regional solution to treat and discharge wastewater that will answer long-term needs, while minimizing the costs to ratepayers.

The City Council on Dec. 4 sided with a staff recommendation to build a 4-mile pipeline from Marysville's treatment plant that would carry treated effluent to a proposed joint Everett-Kimberly Clark treatment plant, and then into a planned deep-water outfall in Port Gardner Bay.

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Map courtesy of Tetra Tech/KCM, Inc.

The Everett/Kimberly-Clark outfall route has been accepted as the most economical option for treating and discharging Marysville's future wastewater. The Council's selection of this recommendation will enable City staff and consultants to proceed with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Facilities Plan.

City, local leaders cut ribbon on team effort SR 528 improvements

The City of Marysville on Nov. 21 cut the ribbon for the \$4.8 million SR 528 highway improvements project, finishing in record time the widening and asphalt overlay of one of the region's most vital east-

west corridors.

The focus of the seven-month project realigned and widened from two lanes to four a 1-mile stretch of SR 528 (64th Street NE) from 67th Avenue NE east to Highway

9 in the Marysville foothills, for the purposes of improving driver visibility and traffic safety. The urban arterial project added left-turn pockets, sidewalks and bike lanes, a fish ladder on Munson Creek, as well as other features.

"This project, one of our hugest investments in public roadway improvements to date, came in on time and on budget due to a strong teaming effort between the City, contractor Wilder Construction, state Department of Transportation, Pertee Engineering and the various permitting government agencies involved," announced Mayor Dave Weiser.

"I think local residents and commuters passing through Marysville enroute to Highway 9 and surrounding communities will be impressed overall with the smoother and quicker ride."

Marysville invested about \$1

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Officials finish cutting the ribbon on the SR 528 improvements project. Pictured from far left are City Engineer Owen Carter; Terry Pananen, WSDOT; Kirk Pearson, 39th District Rep.-elect; Bob Moorhead, state Transportation Improvement Board; Mayor Weiser, Congressman-elect Rick Larsen and Dave Gent, Wilder Construction.

Photo by Doug Buehl

YOUR CITY COUNCIL

Meets 7 p.m. the 1st, 2nd & 4th Monday (excluding holidays) in the Council Chambers, Public Safety Bldg, 1635 Grove St.



Shirley Bartholomew

Jim Brennick

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Mike Leighan ■

Donna Pedersen

Suzanne Smith

John Soriano

■ *Mayor Pro-tem*

SEPTEMBER

◆ Approved an interlocal agreement with Snohomish County to implement the common siting process for essential public facilities.

◆ Approved a remodel and expansion of the emergency dispatch communications center in the Public Safety Building.

◆ Adopted an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan and adopting the Marysville School District Capital Facilities Plan in relation to school impact fees.

◆ Approved restriping of Grove Street, bike lanes & stop signs for all directions at Grove & 71st Street NE, as well as installation of a "handicapped child" sign, & more striping for 71st, 73rd and 74th streets.

◆ Passed a resolution updating character generator policies and procedures for posting bulletin board-style messages on Marysville Access Television Channel 29. A new system enables nonprofits, civic groups and other non-commercial users to add graphics, animation, sounds and, in the future, video footage, to a page promoting their meetings, events or activities.

OCTOBER

◆ Authorized condemnation, appropriation and damaging of land and other property for the widening of State Avenue from 116th to 136th Street NE. No homes were involved.

◆ Approved staff to proceed with existing 116th Street Master Plan, based on a central boulevard option, with no further analysis of a signal at 36th Street NE for the present time, and to present an agenda bill indicating the Council's agreement with

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

access recommendations.

◆ Approved a Traffic Safety Committee recommendation to restrict semi-truck parking in residential areas and downtown commercial business areas.

◆ Passed a resolution recognizing outgoing City Administrator Dave Zabell for 20 years of dedicated service to the City.

NOVEMBER

◆ Approved continuation of the existing Comprehensive Plan amendment process with no change to how the Planning Commission reviews them. This decision enabled the Planning Department to roll the 2001 and 2002 updates into the 2002 cycle. The Growth Management Act states that amendments should be done no more than once a year, but that was leaving Planning staff little time to actually perform reviews and work with the updated plan.

◆ Rescinded and modified ordinances

establishing that State Avenue will keep its name of State Avenue as far north as 136th Street NE, and will retain the name Smokey Point Boulevard north of 136th.

DECEMBER

◆ Approved a \$52,985 professional services agreement with Economic and Engineering Services Inc. to do a water and sewer rate study. The City is now in its 4th year of a 5-year rate study, and significant capital projects will be needed to meet more stringent environmental regulations and to meet growing service level needs.

SR 528 continued from Page 1 million in the project using City growth management funds, Weiser says. The remaining \$3.8 million was paid for through state Transportation Improvement Board grants that the City applied for and received in 1999.



REGISTER NOW FOR WINTER 2001 FREE CLASSES!

Classes meet in Marysville School District Board Rm., 4220 80th St. NE

The City of Marysville & Marysville School District Community Education invite you to the 3rd year of Marysville University, a free, informal two-night, lively, entertaining public education program offered to engage curious citizens and students.

Class I Wednesday, Feb. 21 7-9 p.m.
"From Patching Potholes to Laying Pipes: An Introduction to the Public Works Department and its Functions"

Class II Thursday, Feb. 22 7-9 p.m.
"Sewerology 101: A Lesson in Sewer Service & Where All That Icky Stuff Goes After Flushing Or Draining"

To reserve your seat call City Hall or e-mail:
Carol Mulligan at (360) 651-5020, cmulligan@ci.marysville.wa.us
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City Administrator Zabell takes talents to Bothell

The community said farewell and best wishes in November to City Administrator Dave Zabell, a public servant who spent his entire government career serving the City, first as technician for the town's only traffic signal 20 years ago, and finally as its chief administrator.

"I leave here with a feeling of immense gratitude toward the citizens of Marysville," said Zabell, who left Marysville to accept a position as Public Works Director for the City of Bothell.

"In thinking back on my career here, I can't imagine how I could have made better use of my time these past two decades than serving the people," Zabell said. "I gave them my best, and they in turn gave me theirs, in countless ways."

Zabell's departure has left a void in City Hall that is currently being filled by Interim City Administrator A.J. Housler. Housler is assisting the Mayor in the transition period. Housler in December presented a proposal to the City Council that would shift the focus of Marysville's traditional Mayor-Council-City Administrator form of government to a team management concept. Housler said the team concept, organizational-wise, is better suited to a city with Marysville's 21,710 population.

Mayor Dave Weiser appointed Zabell as his City Administrator in 1992; it was the right decision, he said, because issues the City faced at the time would be better handled by a leader inside the organization.

"Dave did a great job as City Administrator," Weiser said. "He was very supportive of the employees; he always had the City's best interests at heart."

It's surprising when you realize that Zabell's career in Marysville spanned a longer period than the years he spent living at home.

He joined the City as Traffic Signal Technician in September 1980, after a tour of duty in the Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician. Two years later, he was promoted to the Engineering Department, eventually becoming an Engineering Aide.

In 1989, he was appointed Public Works Director. He was administrator for the Everett/Marysville water trans-

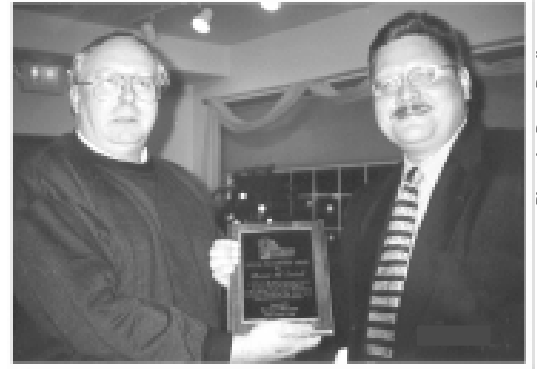


Photo by Doug Buell

Mayor Dave Weiser presents outgoing City Administrator Dave Zabell with a plaque honoring Zabell for 20 years of dedicated service to the City.

mission pipeline project and the City's wastewater treatment plant upgrade. In 1993, Zabell was appointed by Weiser to succeed John Garner, who served as interim City Administrator.

Zabell said the achievements he is most proud of are the water pipeline, treatment plant upgrade, steering the City through a sewer hookup moratorium in the early '90s, and the various annexations that have occurred. He is also proud of the administrative team he assembled.

Staff and well-wishers describe Zabell as a good-humored administrator with good communication skills and an unshakable work ethic.

Mary Swenson, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator, applauded him for his sense of humor, his focus on employees and department heads, the unique perspective he brought to problem-solving, and the stronger relationship he built between City government and the state Legislature.

"I wish him well in Bothell, I'm going to miss him," Swenson said.

Garner saw potential in Zabell early in his career, when the honorably-discharged fellow seaman spent his weekdays working for Marysville while serving weekends as a Naval reservist in Oak Harbor. Zabell considers Garner, among others, to be a mentor.

Garner said he appreciated Zabell's dedication of 20 years with the City.

"Bothell is very fortunate to be getting a manager of your caliber," Garner said. Reciting an old navigator's adage, Garner added, "As your tour of duty changes, may you have fair winds and a trailing sea."

Council adopt's Mayor's balanced 2001 budget

The City Council in November adopted a \$49.1 million balanced budget for 2001 that includes major improvements to the city's infrastructure, creation of a new traffic enforcement and management program to address traffic-related issues on Marysville streets, and other public investments in a fiscal year that anticipates a continued strong local economy.

The budget plan includes \$12.8 million constituting the General Fund, which represents an 8 percent increase over 2000 spending levels. The General Fund represents the actual costs for delivering high-quality basic City services. This spending plan also maintains a \$2.5 million General Fund reserve account that carries forth the city's commitment to financial responsibility.

The lion's share of the General Fund budget will fund police and public safety totaling \$5.1 million. Key personnel additions and capital expenditures in the police budget include hiring two full-time police officers toward the creation of a traffic motorcycle unit, and the addition of a police evidence specialist.

Under the new traffic enforcement and management program, the Police Department will partner with the Public Works Department to not only provide enforcement through the use of motorcycle patrols, but will also apply innovative public education outreach efforts and implement a traffic management program, with funds set aside to analyze traffic patterns on local streets where speeding is a problem.

The combined total 2001 capital budget for water, sewer and surface water capital improvement projects is \$6,810,000, which includes \$2,175,000 for water construction projects, \$4,265,000 for sanitary sewer construction projects and \$370,000 for surface water improvements.

The Council also approved a Finance Department-recommended 6% increase in the property tax levy rate. Additional revenues collected would offset services needed to support the community's increasing population.

Please remember to recycle, and use recycled materials!



NEWS NOTES & NEWSMAKERS

Utility tax rebate available to low-income seniors, disabled

If you're a low-income senior citizen or disabled resident living inside City limits, you may be eligible for a rebate on your utility taxes. Seniors must be 62 or older, with a total combined household income of \$24,000 or less. Low-income disabled residents also qualify if they possess special parking status, are declared legally blind, or are disabled, handicapped or incapacitated as defined by state and federal programs, Asst. Finance Director Dean Rohla says. Also, low-income disabled applicants must show proof of household income at or below 125% of the federally-established poverty level, which is \$20,875 for a family of four.

The rebate applies only to utility bills for electricity, general telephone and natural gas, Rohla says. It does not apply to City water, sewer or garbage and recycling. Applicants must present proof of utility bills paid to City Hall, 4822 Grove St. Ongoing participants must reapply annually to continue enrollment. Deadline to apply is Monday, Feb. 26. Forms available at City Hall. For more information call (360) 651-5000.

Pedersen steps down from Health Board, Dierck named successor

City Councilmember Donna Pedersen in November officially stepped down from the Snohomish Health District Board of Directors after serving eight years in order to focus more attention on family needs. Councilmember NormaJean Dierck was confirmed unanimously by the Council to succeed her in representing Marysville on the Board.

Pedersen recalls when she was elected in 1992 by the north Snohomish County cities to represent them, which she did for four years. In 1996, the District, upon a recommendation made by a Committee that she chaired, broadened the Board to give each County district a representative, as well as each of the largest cities in each district a representative. The Board dealt with important public issues during her tenure on the board, including promotion of AIDS awareness, the needle exchange program, a move to bar cigarette advertising from billboards around the county, and efforts to develop a food service program for inspecting cafes and other establishments.

What's new at the Sno-Isle Marysville Public Library?

If you haven't been to the library lately, you don't know what you're missing. Just ask Head Librarian Dan Howard. Here are some of the newest offerings and activities:

- ◆ Write a resume, job search on the Internet, or find a career at our new **Career Center**.
- ◆ Don't like to use a computer mouse? Our new **Touch Screen Monitor** makes using the computer as easy as pie.
- ◆ Learn how to sign up for a free e-mail account at one of our *Internet E-mail at the Library* classes. You'll be sending and receiving e-mail messages in minutes!
- ◆ Online books (electronic books or eBooks) are now available at the library. You can read and check out eBooks even when the library is closed through our homepage at www.sno-isle.org. After creating a free account with netLibrary and its collection of eBooks available, you can search, preview, and check out classics, business and computer books, and even Cliff's Notes.
- ◆ Don't miss **Woody Guthrie and the Columbia River Songs** at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 in the library's large meeting room. This free program is made possible by the Washington Commission for the Humanities and the Friends of the Marysville Library.



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City Council, Park Board agree on site for proposed skateboard park

The City Council and Parks Advisory Board at a joint workshop Nov. 28 directed City staff to finalize the purchase of property to build a multi-use skateboarding facility and determine the costs necessary to build it.

The property at 1070 Columbia Ave. just east of Strawberry Lanes Bowling, is a six-tenths of an acre, privately-owned densely wooded parcel that once cleared could support a skateboard park of 10,000-12,000 square feet, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew says. It's conveniently located near a public bus line, stores and places to eat.

Mayor Dave Weiser, who chaired the workshop, called the Council and Park Board's action the most decisive movement to date in community efforts to build a skate-park facility.

"Finding a suitable site was the most crucial step in this process," Weiser said. "The Council and Board's support for this site was a tremendously important step to getting us over the hump toward opening a skateboard park that will benefit young people in our community."

The City will now move forward with purchasing the land, with design and construction costs yet to be determined, Ballew said. Currently, \$75,000 is earmarked in the 2001 budget toward park development. Ballew hopes additional funds and support can be raised through local civic groups, and monetary and in-kind labor donations.

A committee composed of skateboarders and citizens will work with architects to design Marysville's first skateboard park. Open houses to gather pub-

lic input will be part of a process likely to run about eight weeks.

City leaders envision a concrete skateboard park that includes half pipes, ramps, pyramids, drop boxes and steps. Ballew emphasized that layout would draw greatly from comments provided by a committee yet to be formed.

"The best parks that have always worked were built by architects, skateboarders and others working together," Ballew said.

The City and a nonprofit Skate Park Committee have worked intermittently since June 1994 to site a skateboard park and raise necessary funds to build it.

Ballew is hopeful that the skate park will open next year. "I think we can comfortably tell skateboarders, 'this is for real.'"

Inclement winter weather policy

The City of Marysville values our citizens' safety. In the event that the Marysville School District announces limited bus transportation or cancels classes due to poor weather, the City will

close the Ken Baxter Senior Community Center, and all City recreational/athletic programs will be cancelled. For weekend adult/youth basketball game status call (360) 651-5085.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Join the big Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 14 in Jennings Park

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Marysville Noon Rotary Club and North and South Marysville Albertson's stores will again sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt held in Jennings Memorial Park, 6915 Armar Road.

This year's hunt will be held on Saturday, April 14, and is open to children ages 8 years and under. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and continue until 11:15 a.m. All activities will be centered in the area around the Rotary Ranch Petting Zoo.

More than 7,000 plastic eggs filled with candy and prizes will be distributed in the various hunting areas. A six-egg limit will be enforced. Parents will be able to view all activities.

All participants are asked to bring a canned food item for the Marysville Food Bank. For more information please contact the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department at (360) 651-5085.



Parks & Recreation offers many ways to pay

All classes and activities offered through the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department may be paid for by cash, check, money order or major credit card. Unless otherwise specified, please make checks or money order payable to City of Marysville.

Visa and MasterCard users must pay in person at the Parks Office, 6915 Armar Road.



ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

Sign up for Spring 7-A-Side Youth Soccer

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration for their 2001 Spring Outdoor 7-A-Side Soccer League. This recreational soccer program is offered to boys and girls ages 7-14 years in cooperation with the Marysville Youth Soccer Club. Registration will be accepted 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Signups start Monday, Jan. 22 at the Parks Office in Jennings Park. Registration will continue until Saturday, March 3.

Special weekend/weeknight registration

Thursday	Feb. 22	6- 8 p.m.
Saturday	March 3	12-4 p.m.

Coaches of established North County Youth Soccer teams may register players from their 2000 fall roster as a team. All other players must go through open registration. Rosters must comply with Marysville Youth Soccer Club bylaws. Individual players will be assigned to a team. **Cost to participate: \$40 for the first family member, \$35 for each extra family member.** For more info or to get registration forms call the Parks Office at (360) 651-5085.

Treat your child to a barnyard birthday party

If you're looking for a special way to throw a birthday party that your child will never forget, the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department offers an affordable party package that's hard to beat. For registration forms or info call (360) 651-5085.

DATES: Saturdays - Feb. 10, Mar. 17, Apr. 14, May 19
TIMES: 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

YOUTH SPORTS CLASSES



Marysville Parks & Rec Department's 2001 Youth Sports Forum

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department is proud to present their 1st Annual Youth Sports Forum. This series of eight **FREE** informational discussions is designed to provide insight into the world of playing & coaching youth sports. A variety of topics from sportsmanship to parents' role in their child's athletic performance will be covered. All topics are suitable for players, coaches & parents of all ages and sports. Each night will cover two different topics & include a 45-minute discussion, with questions & answers at the end of the evening. All sessions will be 7-9 p.m. in the Marysville-Pilchuck High School Auditorium.

Topic: **Dealing with Youth Sports Injuries - Prevention & Rehabilitation - Jan. 30**

Speaker: Kit Blue P.T. is the manager of Marysville's Summit Rehabilitation Clinic. Kit is a graduate of the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in Athletic Training and Pre-Physical Therapy. He received his degree in Physical Therapy from Northwestern University. Blue chairs the Sports Advisory Committee at M-PHS and is Vice President of the General Advisory Committee. He specializes in orthopedics with an emphasis on treatment of the spine and extremities.

Topic: **Weight Training for Youth Sports - How much, how often and at what age - Jan. 30**

Speaker: Dave Adamson A.T.C. of Summit Rehabilitation graduated from Whitworth College in Spokane with a bachelor's degree in Biology, Teaching, Physical Education and Sports Medicine. He began his career as an intern with the Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco Giants. Adamson has started three Sports Medicine programs at the high school level, including one at M-PHS. Adamson has also developed strength and conditioning programs for each high school sport. He has coached and competed in powerlifting events at the national level. At Summit he currently develops exercise protocols for injured patients ages 8 years and older. He also runs a camp designed for junior high and high school athletes to work on speed, agility and endurance.

Topic: **Sportsmanship in Competitive Athletics — Yes, it does exist - Feb. 6**

Speaker: Peter Fewing, Head Coach of Seattle University Men's Soccer. Coach Fewing was named National Coach of the Year in 1997 while leading SU to the NAIA National Championship. He was Regional Coach of the Year in 1990, 1997 and 1998. His teams have been recognized nationally on many occasions for their sportsmanship and were winners of the Nels Dahlquist Sportsmanship Award in 1997.

Topic: **Coaching the Female Athlete - Little Girls to Women - Feb. 6**

Speaker: Steve Thorson, has successfully coached boys and girls teams in both Select- Soccer and Basketball programs locally for many years. He has achieved this success because he understands the different needs each group requires.

Topic: **The Myths and Realities of being an Athlete - Feb. 20**

Speaker: Bruce Brown has been a teacher & coach for over 32 years at all education levels from junior high to college. He is now Athletic Director at Northwest College. Brown has been employed by the NFL for the past 22 years. He is a published author of two books & seven instructional videos. He is also Director of Proactive Coaching, a company specializing in clinics for coaches parents & athletes.

Topic: **The Parents Role in Improving Athletic Performance - What you can do - Feb. 20**

Speaker: Bruce Brown

Topic: **Athletic Scholarships Opportunities - The real story - Feb. 27**

Speaker: Dan Mack is Activities Director and Head Football Coach at Kamiak High School. He was Western Conference and Seattle Times Coach of the Year in 1999. Dan has coached several different sports at the High School level beside football including volleyball and basketball.

Topic: **Academics & Sports - it's all in the numbers - Feb. 27**

Speaker: TBA

KIDS ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES

ART classes with Instructor *Sheila Harrington Stump*

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department is proud to present a series of fall art classes featuring multi-talented local Artist/Instructor Sheila Harrington Stump. To receive a flyer with complete details for any of the following classes please call the Parks and Recreation Office at (360) 651-5085.

Drawing - Ages 7 to adult				
Date	Day	Time	Fee	
Session I Jan. 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1	Thursdays	4:30-5:30 p.m.	\$39	
Session II Feb. 8, 15, 22 & March 1	Thursdays	4:30-5:30 p.m.	\$39	
Session III March 8, 15, 22 & 29	Thursdays	4:30-5:30 p.m.	\$39	
Painting - Ages 7 to adult				
Session I Jan. 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1	Thursdays	5:45-6:45 p.m.	\$39	
Session II Feb. 8, 15, 22 & March 1	Thursdays	4:30-5:30 p.m.	\$39	
Session III March 8, 15, 22 & 29	Thursdays	4:30-5:30 p.m.	\$39	

Kids crafts classes with Instructor - Ages 6 & up with Sheila Harrington Stump

Crafts classes are held in Jennings Memorial Barn in Jennings Park. Ages 6 and older are welcome to attend. Projects are fun for all ages, including adults. Parents are encouraged to join. Most projects can be completed in a single class. Examples of crafts projects offered may include breadmaking, calligraphy, simulated stained glass, mobiles, papier mache, Easter eggs, and more.

Session I

Jan. 12, 19, 26 & Feb. 2 Fridays 4:30-6 p.m. \$44

Session II

Feb. 9, 16, 23 & March 2 Fridays 4:30-6 p.m. \$44

Session III

March 9, 16, 23 & 30 Fridays 4:30-6 p.m. \$44

For more information or to obtain a registration form for any of these classes, please contact the Parks Office at (360) 651-5085 or visit us at 6915 Armar Road. For details on arts and crafts classes content call Instructor Sheila Harrington Stump at (360) 658-2727.

Kindermusik
Winter 2001

With Kindermusik, a good beginning never ends
Join Instructor Chris Floyd

Winter 2001 Kindermusik classes get under way Jan. 30-31 for Marysville's youngest citizens and their families. Classes are designed for children up to 6 years old. A variety of class days and times are available to introduce the joy of music into your child's life through interactive participation.

Classes last for 15 weeks with all sessions held in the Marysville Public Library, 6120 Grove St. If you have questions about class content, please call our certified instructor, Chris Floyd at (360) 659-1810. Flyers with complete details including class times, dates and cost are available at the Parks and Recreation Office in Jennings Park, 6915 Armar Road, or all (360) 651-5085.

ADULT SPORTS

Spring softball registration to begin Feb. 26

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration for its upcoming 2001 Spring Softball Leagues on Monday, Feb. 26.

Register 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Parks Office, 6915 Armar Road, Jennings Memorial Park. Signups will continue on a space available basis until 5 p.m. Friday, March 30. Divisions are available for Men's, Men's Church & Co-ed teams. Men's & Men's Church teams will receive 18 games plus a double elimination playoff for a league fee of \$610. Co-ed teams will get 14 games plus a double elimination playoff for a league fee of \$485. Games begin the week of April 16. Many levels are available to assure that all teams regardless of ability or experience have an enjoyable season. For more info or to have a brochure mailed call the Parks Office at (360) 651-5085.

Winter weekday golf fee/cart rental specials

Cedarcrest Golf Course announces the following specials available Oct. 1-April 30:

SINGLE PLAYER

\$30 for 18 holes & cart

Regular cost: \$42

You save: **\$12**

TWO PLAYERS

\$46 for 2 play 18 holes w/cart

Regular cost: \$64

You save: **\$18**

For more information, prices or to reserve a tee time, please call Cedarcrest at (360) 659-3566.

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Modifications to Marysville's existing treatment plant and outfall are required by recent changes to the City's National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) permit by the state Department of Ecology. DOE mandated that the City have upgrades or a discharge alternative in place by June 2004.

The plant in 1999 was reaching its design maximum month flow capacity of 6.1 million gallons per day, and it can't meet future limits at its discharge site for carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand, ammonia or residual chlorine.

Marysville treats and safely discharges wastewater for about 12,000 customers within City limits and Rural Utilities Service Area that includes about 130 miles of mainline sewer and pipes.

Consultant TetraTech/KCM Inc. estimated that building a pipeline from Marysville's treatment plant to Everett's, including upgrades, would cost Marysville about \$40.3 million. Maintenance and operation for Marysville's portion is estimated at \$29.1 million over 20 years. The Council chose the Everett option over two alternative plans. Marysville could have kept discharging treated effluent into Steamboat Slough at a cost of \$82.2 million. The other option to discharge to a new outfall at Mission Beach on the Tulalip Reservation would have cost \$73.4 million.

Tulalip's interest in participating with Everett as well makes the Everett option an economical, cost-effective alternative.

Marysville Mayor Weiser cited the water supply agreement between Everett and Marysville (and the Tribes, separately) in 1991 that sent water via a transmission pipeline to Marysville customers as an example of effective partnering.

The City hopes to hire a design consultant in January, Public Works Director Ken Winckler says. Also, funding options including grants and revenue bonds will be explored in conjunction with a rate study to gauge how much the pipeline project and long-term maintenance and operations will cost.

To these
City of Marysville
Employees

Happy
Anniversary

15
YEARS

Ron Gettle, Utility Service Worker, *February*
Emma Stiles, Police Officer, *February*
Dennis Roodzant, Wastewater Treatment
Plant Maintenance Technician, *March*
Robb Lamoureux, Police Sergeant, *March*
Marla Ringen, Business Office Supervisor -
Police, *March*
Debbie Dreyer, Lead Communications Officer,
April

10
YEARS

David White, Police Officer, *January*
Steve Bryant, Utility Maint. Worker, *January*
Mike Ingram, Police Officer, *January*
Janis Lamoureux, Communications Officer,
March

5
YEARS

Cheryl Niclai, Business Office Supervisor -
Public Works, *March*
Lloyd Seibert, Utility Maint. Worker, *April*
Don DelBianco, Street Laborer, *March*

Public Works putting customers first

When a localized water main broke before the Thanksgiving holiday, leaving 25 south-end Marysville homes with disrupted water service, neighbors needed timely response, answers and follow-up when service was restored.

They got their answers and follow-up from Teri McCann, the Public Works Department's new Customer Relations Representative (CRR) under a newly-created customer service program. McCann is no stranger to resolving customer calls; she has served as a Public Works Clerk since April 1998.

Her new job is to oversee the CRR program initiated in September. The program is designed to respond to calls from customers who have questions on a variety of utility-related subjects, everything from low water pressure to potholes or failing streetlights.

"They'll get a real person, not a voice mail message, and someone who will get back to them," McCann says.

Public Works Superintendent Larry Larson says that as customer awareness of how their utilities are run has risen, cities and utilities have deployed CRR programs.

"It's a big step forward in improving customer service relations," Larson says. "It better opens the communication between us and the customer."

Larson says a key asset to the program is a mapping system that will serve as a valuable maintenance tool. McCann will track geographically where low water pressure, taste and odor problems with water, water discoloration, potholes, failing streetlights and other problems occur so that Public Works



Photo by Dave Rapp

Parking lots at regularly-visited City public facilities will be safer places this winter thanks to the Public Works Department's purchase of a new 4 X 4 Ford 550 pickup with detachable snow plow & sander. The truck joins dump truck/sanders that carry 10 yards and 4 yards of sand used to control ice & snow on public streets during adverse winter weather. The new truck will also respond to police emergency "hot spots," slick area where police request a quick, brief sanding, while the other truck are completing their route map, Street Maintenance Supervisor Burt Gunderson says.

can redirect resources to correct those problems.

While McCann will serve as a clearinghouse for Public Works information, other employees will gladly continue to take your calls as well. McCann is a good first call, though.

Response to the CRR program has been very positive, McCann says. If you have a question or complaint, call McCann in Public Works at (360) 651-5100 or e-mail her at tmccann@ci.marysville.wa.us.

Planning Department unveils web site with maps, downloadable forms

The Marysville Planning and Building Department unveiled a web site recently, replete with downloadable permit application forms and other public information valuable to internet surfers, property owners, builders and prospective builders in Marysville. You can view the new web site at <http://ci.marysville.wa.us/planning>.

"This service opens up a whole new avenue of communication, and we believe the public will appreciate the better access they will receive to the Planning and Building Department and the services we provide," City Planner Gloria Hirashima says.

Employee Dave Doop took on the role of webmaster and developed the site over two months, while continuing his regular duties as Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator.

Doop's vision for the site is to create a virtual town hall where the public can view plans and share comments about them electronically. A good example is the posting on the site of the 116th Street Master Plan, a plan to provide for an area between Interstate 5 and State Avenue on a page that includes a forum for sharing comments with the Planning Department. Visitors can view aerial photos, maps, review options presented to the City Council, minutes and other materials to shape an informed decision, then post their message on the site.

Another useful section on the web site can save a trip to the Planning Department.

Visitors can view and download various planning and building application and permit forms from a home computer, as well as requirement checklists that accompany some of these applications, Doop says. Frequently asked questions explain how to find out how your property is zoned, permitted uses depending on the type of zoning you have, setbacks in residential and commercial areas, building permits and when they're required, and general turnaround times for permitting.

Plans are in the works to post the entire Marysville Comprehensive Land use Plan on the web site, with frequent updates, Hirashima says.

<http://ci.marysville.wa.us/planning>

PLANNING FILES

What's on the site?

Staff Directory
Frequently Asked Questions
Maps & other GIS resources
116th Street Master Plan
Parks & Trails Plan
Buildable Lands Program

Permit Forms
Building permit
Demolition permit
Grading/Clearing permit
Master permit
Shoreline development, etc.

Checklists
Preliminary plats
Short plats
Conditional uses
Boundary Line Adjustment
Street Vacations, etc.

Comp Plan Amendment process